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Amendment A

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, District of Columbia, 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action Letter mailed July 30, 2002 , the applicant has elected Claims 1-26 (Class 280, subclass 727+) and all the rewritten claims following for they may now belong to the same class and subclass for purposes of examination.

The applicant respectfully requests the following amendments:

Claims:

Claim 15, line 2, insert “achieved by some means” between “length,” and “whereby”.

Cancel Claims 27 – 75 and replace with Claims 76-112 submitted in Attachment A, all of which may now belong to the same class and subclass as elected Invention I for purposes of examination.

General Remarks

Original claims 27-35 is drawn to a base frame for “carrying a pack” and not “a carrying pack” per page 2 of Office Action sent 7/30/02. The corresponding rewritten claims 76-84 states the intended idea more specifically.

Original claims 36-47 is drawn to a comfortable padded back support that may or may not be an integral part of the main frame. The ability to transport any loaded pack of one’s choice by